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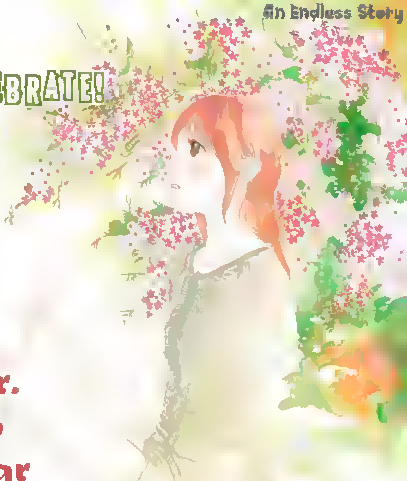
AND IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!



It's been a long and tough year, but we've gotten through it and we hope you've enjoyed our hard work so far. We're determined to make this coming year even better!

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...ONS!

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...SO
ON THE

Bambi no Tegami

CHAPTER 2

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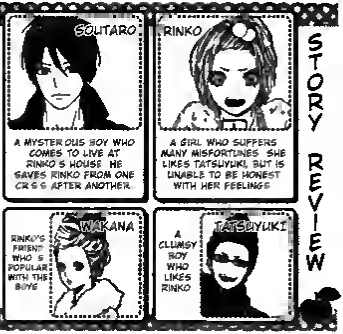
最新MC「Shooting Star」ついに発売になりました
「愛し金魚」「オオカミ少年」も好評発売中!

STORY REVIEW


SOUTARO
A MYSTERIOUS BOY WHO COMES TO LIVE AT RINKO'S HOUSE. HE SAVES RINKO FROM ONE CRISIS AFTER ANOTHER.
RINKO
A GIRL WHO SUFFERS MANY MISFORTUNES. SHE LIKES TATSUYUKI, BUT IS UNABLE TO BE HONEST WITH HER FEELINGS.
WAKANA
RINKO'S FRIEND WHO IS POPULAR WITH THE BOYS
TATSUYUKI
A CLUMSY BOY WHO LIKES RINKO

LET'S BEGIN AGAIN

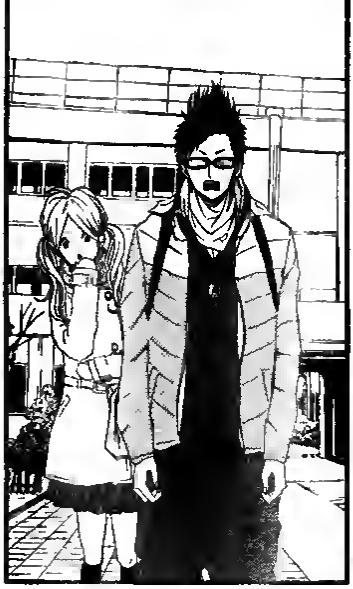
EVER SINCE THE DEER RINKO AKAI HAD BEEN RAISING DISAPPEARED, SHE HAS SUFFERED MANY MISFORTUNES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, RINKO, WHO WANTS TO FIND HAPPINESS THIS YEAR, ENACTS A SPELL FROM A MAGIC BOOK IN HER ROOM WHICH PROMISES HER " 3 MONTHS OF HAPPINESS " EVEN THOUGH RINKO HAS A CRUSH ON HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND, TATSUYUKI, SHE CAN'T BE HONEST WITH HER FEELINGS AND DESPITE ENDING UP TOGETHER IN A NICE MOOD DURING THEIR FIRST SHRINE VISIT OF THE NEW YEAR, THEY GET CAUGHT UP WITH SOME ILL-TEMPERED PEOPLE. RINKO IS THEN RESCUED BY A MYSTERIOUS BOY WHO CROSSES THEIR PATH. THE NEXT DAY, THAT MYSTERIOUS BOY COMES TO RINKO'S HOUSE! HIS NAME IS SOUTARO AND HE'S COME TO LIVE AND WORK ON THE FARM. RINKO, WHO FORGOT HER ART ASSIGNMENT, PANICS BECAUSE SHE IS OUT OF PAINTING MATERIALS, BUT SOUTARO LENDS HER HIS WATERCOLORS. BRINGING A TIDE OF GOOD FORTUNE, COULD HE POSSIBLY BE A GOD!?

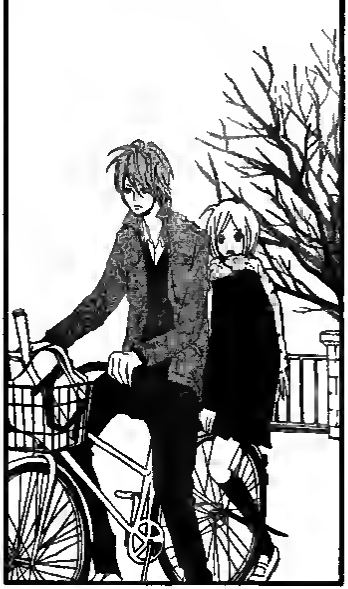
KYA aH!!
WH-
W-W-WH-
QUIET
WHAT ARE YOU DOING BARGING INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S ROOM!?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY? IT'S ALMOST 8 O' CLOCK
!!
Cricket...
Stopped working

Oh, well. Today is the start of another day full of misfortune.
At this rate, I won't make it to school on time!
Not only that, but what's up with this bed-hair?!
Ahh!
It's broken again!!
But the wind blows!
AHH HH
BUT MY HAIR!?
drAG Dr ag
HURRY UP!
HURRY UP AND GET ON!
I WON'T KNOW THE WAY TO SCHOOL
IF YOU'RE NOT AROUND,
Tug
How mean.
That's my bike
JUST LEAVE IT ALONE
MY BED HAIR!
GET ON

WRONG WAY
EXCUSE ME?
TURN TO YOUR RIGHT
HUH?
Yesterday
Just when I thought he was a nice guy for lending me his painting materials ...
FShh
!!!
Why!?
ANYWAY,
WHAT WAS THAT "MAGIC SPELL" ABOUT?
Y-Y-YO-
YOU SAW THAT!?
THE BOOK WAS LAYING ON THE FLOOR IN YOUR ROOM

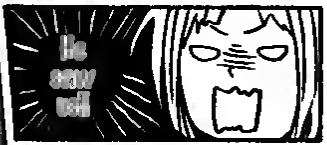
!?
WAS IT FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT WITH THE GUY YOU LIKE OR SOMETHING?
TH-
THAT WAS
WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR?
Y-
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
HMM MMM
HOW CUTE
I DON'T!
YOU LIKE SOMEONE
JUST LIKE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID
Wh-
Who does this guy think he is?
Sqeeeek





HUH!?
YOU'RE THAT DUDE DURING THE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL!?
HUH !?
WH-
WH-
WHY
ARE YOU WITH RINKO !?

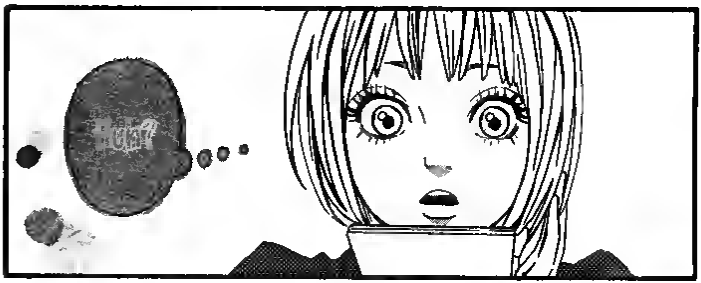
RINKO
WHO THE HECK IS THAT GUY?


He saw us!!

NO!
I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO!?
WHY'D YOU TELL HIM!?
AHH
SO THIS GUY'S THE TARGET FOR THE MAGIC SPELL
HUH!!??
WE LIVE TOGETHER
PFF!
THIS IS AMUSING
TATSUYUKI STOPPED BREATHING DUE TO THE SHOCK
LOOKS LIKE

Man! I don't want to deal with this pursuit outside. It's my house!
UH—
I'LL BE TRANSFERRING TO 1ST YEAR CLASS 6 STARTING FROM TODAY
MY NAME IS SOUTARO OHSAWA
WELL THEN, YOU CAN HAVE THE SEAT NEXT TO AKAI
AKAI, YOU'LL BE ACTING AS OHSAWA-KUN'S CARETAKER
WHAT?
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW JUST ASK AKAI
YES, SIR
PLEASURE
TO MEET YOU ALL

*In English, "a wolf in sheep's clothing" has become a common metaphor for any enemy putting on a false display of friendship. Rinko however is literally saying, Pretend na to wear a cat's skin (nekokaburi) which is the Japanese equivalent



Turn
to your right
That time
I see
Swirl
So you're ignoring me?
Oh?
Whom he said that?
Oh that's why
RINKO
I'LL LIVE AT YOUR HOUSE TOO!

Tatsuyuki living with me!?
I?
I CAN'T ?
HE SAID HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, RINKO
YOU'D BE IN TROUBLE IF THAT GUY TRIED TO ATTACK YOU, RIGHT?
HUH ?
I'LL BE FINE
NO WAY
ANY WAY,
WHAT ABOUT HIS PARENTS?
WHAT REASON DOES HE HAVE FOR LIVING AT YOUR HOUSE?
UH ...
Come to think of it,
I DON'T KNOW ...
HE COULD BE SOMEONE DANGEROUS!

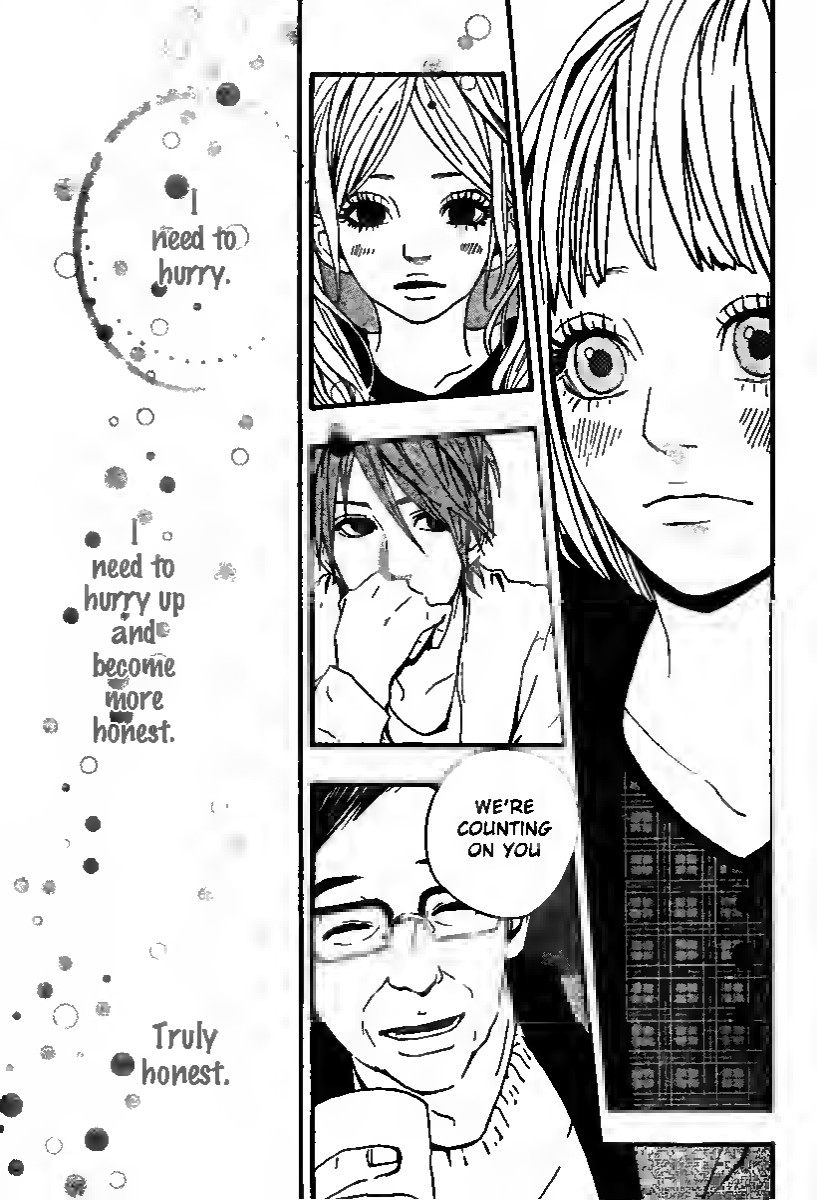
I'LL PROTECT YOU, RINKO
The more I think about it, the more puzzling it becomes ...
Why?
That person said he didn't have a home but ...
Not only that, but why does he move at a time like this?
BUT ...
.....
OKAY
LET'S DO OUR BEST
I'LL TAG ALONG
.....
RINKO, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE
ouch

I have such good friends.
.....
OH, MY
WELCOME BACK, SOUTARO-KUN
'SUP
HUH?
WELCOME HOME!
I'M TATSUYUKI
I'LL BE LIVING HERE STARTING FROM TODAY

Huh? Is he glaring at me?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU ♡
MY NAME IS WAKANA
SOUTARO KUN
NICE TO MEET YOU ☆
AND ME !
WAKANA
RINKO
HERE YOU GO,
clatter
Clatter
HERE YOU GO, SOU-TARO KUN

ITADAKI-MASU!
EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE,
SINCE TATSUYUKI AND WAKANA CAME FOR A SLEEPOVER
RIGHT, DEAR?
YEAH
LATELY WHEN I CALL THEM OVER,
THEY WON'T COME
WE CAN'T COME OVER SO OFTEN ANYMORE
WE'RE ADULTS NOW
Bu!
Ah ha ha
WE SHOULD LET TATSUYUKI-KUN INHERIT THIS HOUSE
PFF!
HAH
Adults !?
HEY, QUIT LAUGHING OVER THERE!

I WANT TO ...
SO THAT I CAN PROTECT THE THINGS I NEED TO PROTECT
I NEED TO BE STRONGER,
SO THAT I'LL BE RECOGNIZED AS A MAN
BECOME THAT SORT OF PERSON
THAT ...
HEY !
THAT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE
I NEED TO BECOME MORE OF A MAN
FOR THE PERSON I AM RIGHT NOW


I need to hurry.
I need to hurry up and become more honest.
Truly honest.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU

Ahh
The water colors

I need to be able to confess my feelings.
Water Colors

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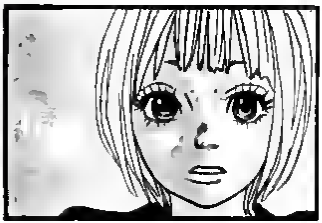
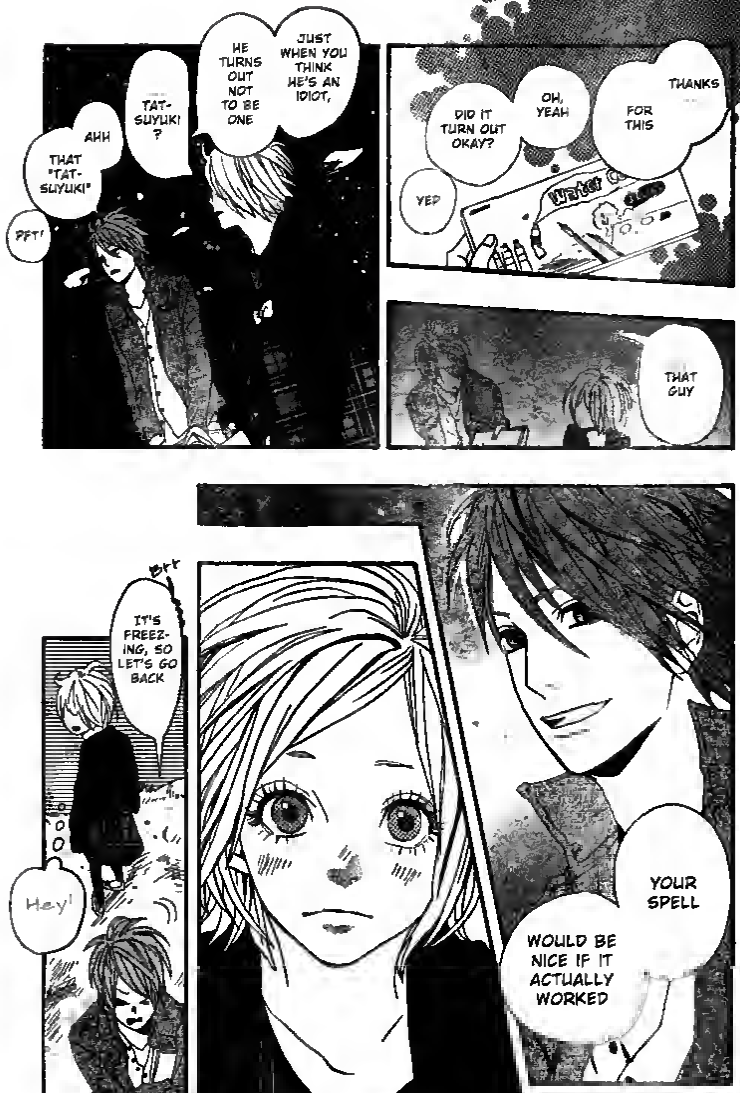


Ciao

I'M COLD
AREN'T YOU COLD WEARING THOSE CLOTHES?
AHH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


JUST WHEN YOU THINK HE'S AN IDIOT,
HE TURNS OUT NOT TO BE ONE
TAT-SUYUKI?
AHH
THAT "TAT-SUYUKI"
PPT!
THANKS FOR THIS
OH, YEAH
DID IT TURN OUT OKAY?
YEP
THAT GUY
YOUR SPELL WOULD BE NICE IF IT ACTUALLY WORKED
Brr
IT'S FREEZING, SO LET'S GO BACK
Hey!

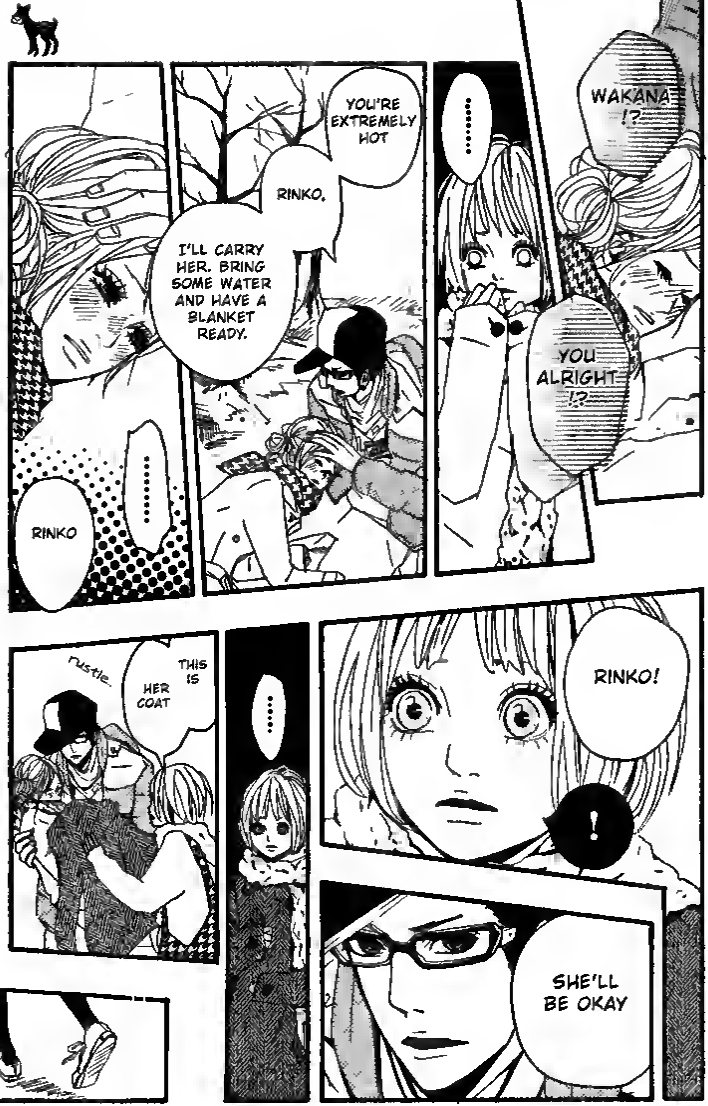
THE MAGIC SPELL
ALREADY WORKED
I
WISHED FOR HAPPINESS
AND THEN YOU ARRIVED SOUTARO-KUN
AND WHEN YOU CAME,
TAT-SUYUKI CAME TOO
AND SAID THAT HE WOULD PROTECT ME
AND MY DAD LAUGHED
AND OUR HOUSE BECAME MORE LIVELY
AND EVEN THOUGH I WAS GONNA BE LATE FOR SCHOOL, YOU GOT ME THERE ON TIME
AND MY HAIR GOT FIXED

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE ALL THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, SOUTARO-KUN
I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS
YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN A GOD ...
Hey...
The color of his hair...
The color of his heart...
YOU'RE
PRETTY AMUSING

OKAY, THIS IS HOW YOU PRUNE
UNDER-STAND?
YES, MA'AM
OKAAAAY
WELL THEN, I'LL BE LEAVING YOU KIDS TO HOUSE-SIT FOR A BIT
TAKE CARE
HEY,
WHERE'S SOUTARO ?
HE'S NOT HERE
DIDN'T HE COME HERE TO WORK?
WHAT THE HECK IS HE DOING?
CLI-
CLI-
Oooo
why did I call him all that yesterday... now I think he was a god?

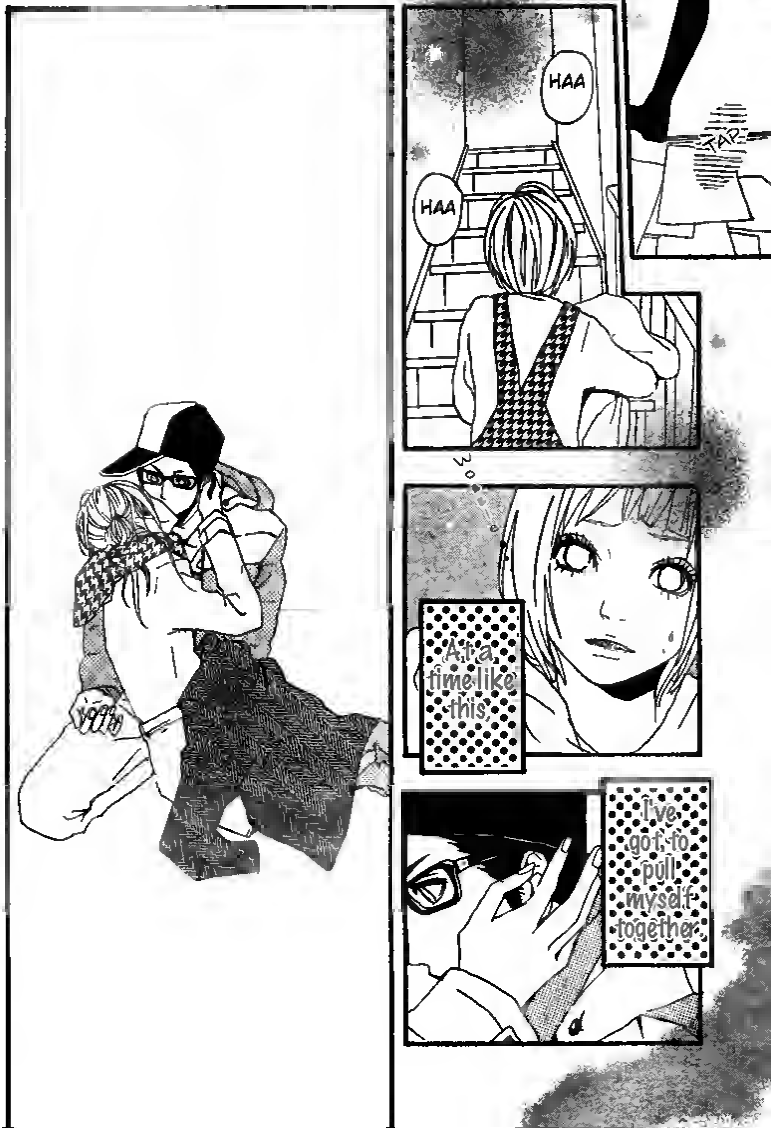
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, RINKO?
I feel sick ...
WELL, IT'S BETTER WITH HIM NOT AROUND
Man ...
CLIP
What a hassle ...
HUH?
NOT FEELING WELL?
YOU SEEM QUIET
MM
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT
DID SOUTARO DO SOMETHING TO YOU?
.....
HUH ?
NO, HE DIDN'T
tap
YOU LOOK PALE
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?

SWAY
WAKA NA?
I'M COLD ...
I DON'T
Throb
OUCH
THUD


WAKANA!?
YOU ALRIGHT!?
.....
YOU'RE EXTREMELY HOT
RINKO,
I'LL CARRY HER. BRING SOME WATER AND HAVE A BLANKET READY.
RINKO
.....
RINKO!
!
SHE'LL BE OKAY
.....
rustle.
THIS IS HER COAT

But
I've got to get a hold of myself.
Mom isn't home.
TICK TOCK
My knees are wobbling...
I'M SORRY, WAKANA.
I'M SORRY FOR NOT NOTICING IT.
THANKS.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN JEALOUS OF RINKO.
HEY.
THAT'S ...
YOU CAME TO HELP ME
THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY.
basa
BASA
basa
At a time like this


HAA
HAA
RAP
30 minutes
At a time like this
I've got to pull myself together

Hey
at times like these

Where are you?
Soutaro-kun